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Subject: Sunset Date for Internet Explorer 6

The Enterprise Architecture and Standards Committee would like to announce that Dec. 31, 2010, is the last acceptable use date for Internet Explorer 6.

Although IE6 will remain a standard through the end of the year, agencies should not be building or purchasing any new applications dependent upon that browser version. The decision to set the last acceptable use date for IE6 months from now is to provide agencies the chance to upgrade any applications that may still be dependent on IE6 technology.

Agencies that are not dependent on IE6 can move to IE7 or Firefox, which are already approved enterprise standards. Agencies are advised to upgrade a small subset of computers first to assure that all applications work properly before doing a large-scale upgrade.

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